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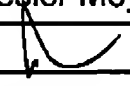
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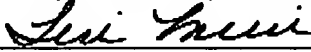
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Group I: Claims 1-25 and 39-70, drawn to an electronic commerce web site system, classified in class 705, subclass 26

Group II: Claims 26-38, drawn to inter-program communications, classified in class 709, subclass 313.

Group III: Claim 71, drawn to distribution/promotion program, classified in 705, subclass 14.

Group IV: Claims 72-73, drawn to computer-to-computer session connecting/establishing, classified in class 709, subclass 227.